

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 6 are pending in this application, and independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended.

In a Non-Final Office Action mailed 11 July 2007, claims 1 – 6 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gammie et al. (US Patent No. 5,237,610, hereinafter “the Gammie Patent”) in view of Bilbrey (US Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0164156, hereinafter “the Bilbrey Publication”). The Examiner noted with respect thereto:

Gammie discloses a method and system for a Removable Digital Content Security Devices for delivering a stream of decrypted program content, comprising security device means, connected to a first consumer electronics device, for receiving a stream of encrypted program content from a source (figure 5, decoder 508 receives encrypted program content through satellite link 505; output 509 will be inherently connected to a tv, vcr, etc.) and decryption means for converting said received encrypted program content to decrypted program content (column 6, lines 26-30, program descrambler 508 reads the decrypted key and uses the key to descramble an output descrambled program). Gammie does not disclose a wireless transmitter means for wirelessly transmitting said decrypted program content to at least one other consumer electronics device. Bilbrey discloses a portable video playback device adapted to receive compressed video data via an antenna and RF receiver (paragraph 34). It is inherent that a RF transmitter is paired with an RF receiver. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the system of Gammie to add the portable playback device of Bilbrey in order to reproduce compressed video information by a portable device (paragraph 4).

Applicants have reviewed the cited references and the Examiner’s grounds for rejection. Independent claims 1 and 4 have been amended to distinguish Applicants’ invention from the teachings of the two cited references. In particular, Applicants’ wireless interface interconnects a removable digital content security device with a plurality of televisions or consumer electronics devices. The use of a wireless interface overcomes the problems associated with the distance between these systems and the connector compatibility issues where the devices may not be equipped with compatible connectors or interfaces. The present wireless interface for removable digital content security devices adds a wireless interface to the Removable Digital Content Security Device so that content can be sent over a limited range transmission to other televisions or consumer electronics devices that may be located a short distance from the first television or consumer electronics device in order to enable the televisions and/or consumer devices to be easily relocated.

Applicants' system automatically locates at least one other consumer electronics device within wireless communication range of the removable security device that is connected to a first consumer electronics device. This at least one other consumer electronics device is authenticated and a link established between the at least one other electronics device and the security device that is connected to the first consumer electronics device so that the decrypted content can be shared among the multiple consumer electronics devices. The use of the wireless interface to serve multiple consumer electronics devices is not shown or suggested by the cited references, which are directed to the predetermined linkage between a receiver/decoder and a single associated display device.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance. Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1848, under Order No. 013208.0133PTUS from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,
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